

SCHUYLKILL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
929 Lakeshore Drive
Leesport, PA 19533-8631

MINUTES

June 24, 2024

1.0 The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Board President, David E. Moll, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School.

1.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

1.2 ROLL CALL

Members Present: Franklin M. Ammarell, Paul L. Bendigo, Nicoleen M. Kleffel, Linda R. Lash, David E. Moll, Bryan J. O'Donnell, Kelly J. Steinke, Daniel B. Weyandt

Board Member Alfonso F. Rossi was not physically present but participated and voted via speakerphone beginning at 7:47 p.m. Mr. Rossi left the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Secretary: Linda R. Lash

Recording Secretary: Susan A. Christman

Administrative Staff Present: Dr. Cathy Taschner, Dr. Melissa Brewer, Michael Sobczak, Kristen Wallace

Solicitor: Alicia Luke, Esq., Fox Rothschild LLP

1.3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Linda Lash to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 28, 2024, as presented.

Yeas: Ammarell, Bendigo, Kleffel, Lash, Moll, O'Donnell, Steinke, Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

1.4 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Moll reported that the Board met in executive session on June 17, 2024, prior to the Committee meetings, for personnel and legal matters, on June 17, 2024, immediately following the Committee meetings, for personnel and legal matters, and on June 24, 2024, prior to the Board meeting, for legal matters and the safety report.

2.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

2.1 PRESIDENT – David E. Moll

Mr. Moll stated that we value all employees, retirees as well as new. He recognizes that employees will be hired by the district and employees will leave the district and we value all of them.

2.2 SECRETARY – Linda R. Lash

No report.

2.3 BERKS COUNTY I.U. BOARD – Linda R. Lash

Mrs. Lash reported that the IU Board reviewed their school safety and security report. The IU serves 50 school districts throughout the state and prints 700,000 tax bills including Schuylkill Valley. The 10th annual Camp Connect was held for children ages 6-16 who have experienced the

death of someone close to them. The IU published their annual report which is available online. On May 9, 2024, the United States Department of Education announced new actions to increase school-based mental health supports including an increase in investments into mental health services and service professionals.

2.4 BERKS CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER – *David E. Moll*

Mr. Moll reported that the BCTC is in the negotiation process and are now negotiating with the support staff whose contract ends June 2025. Currently there are BCTC students at national competitions and we look forward to seeing those results. They will be working with NASA for the second year to machine a part for the space station. The enrollment at BCTC is at an all-time high and Mr. Moll encouraged students to apply early.

2.5 TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE – *Nicoleen M. Kleffel*

Mrs. Kleffel reported that their next meeting will be held on June 27.

2.6 PA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION LIAISON – *Linda R. Lash*

Mrs. Lash reported that the PA Senate State Government Committee approved a bill that would subject PSBA to PA's Right-to-Know Law. The legislation heads to the full Senate for consideration.

2.7 SCHUYLKILL VALLEY EDUCATION FOUNDATION – *Linda R. Lash*

No report.

3.0 PERSONS WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Sherry Faust, Bern Township – Hiring SV Graduates/Staff Retiree Letter
Louis Shucker, Bern Township – District Environment/Independent Investigation

4.0 BOARD

There were no items for Board approval.

4.1 SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report.

5.0 SUPERINTENDENT

Monthly Reports

5.1 The following monthly reports have been provided to the Board:

5.1.1 Enrollment Year-To-Date

5.1.2 Principals' Dashboard Reports

Superintendent's Update

5.2 Dr. Taschner provided highlights from recent student activities. She congratulated our Reading Olympics teams from the middle school and elementary school who all earned blue ribbons. The Bookie Monsters also placed second overall and The Rogue Readers placed third overall. Our Retirement and Service Awards Dinner was held on May 29. It was a wonderful evening and Dr. Taschner thanked everyone who made it a memorable experience for all in attendance. Mr. Johanson and his wood shop students, along with Mrs. Hallman, built the Adirondack chairs that were gifted to our retirees. Dr. Taschner noted that there were excellent wood shop projects this year including Dillon Kuzan (junior) who designed and built a river table. The Panther Impact Awards were held on May 22. This event gives senior students the opportunity to thank an SV staff member who made a difference in their lives and school careers. Senior Co-Curricular Awards Night was held on June 3 and Dr. Taschner thanked Mrs. Rexrode and Mr. Miller for their efforts in putting together a wonderful evening for students and their families. The 10th annual Dodgeball for CHOP tournament was held on June 4 and consisted of 59 teams of middle school students who raised \$1,876 for CHOP. Commencement for the Class of 2024 took place on June 6 to celebrate our senior class. Additional student awards following commencement went to Sierra Merkel and

Madison Steingraber who received recognition during PYEA's announcement of their updated grand total donation to Four Diamonds for the year which was \$13,360.16. Mr. Michael Fitzgerald stopped by campus to personally deliver the Lauren's Foundation Scholarship to Kimberly Heck. He was inspired by Kimberly's story of overcoming adversity in pursuit of her culinary art dreams and one day owning an inn.

6.0 POLICY, PERSONNEL AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Summary of Committee Deliberations – Paul L. Bendigo

The Policy, Personnel and Public Relations Committee met at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 17, 2024, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, July 15, 2024.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

6.1 RESIGNATIONS

Accepts, with regret and best wishes for the future, the following resignations:

6.1.1 Ethan Miller, Certified Building Substitute Teacher, effective May 3, 2024.

6.1.2 Russell Poper, Director of Buildings and Grounds, effective May 29, 2024.

6.1.3 Nicholas White, IT Technician, effective May 14, 2024.

6.1.4 Melissa Yourey, Biology Teacher, effective June 7, 2024.

6.2 Approves the employment of the following (all elections are contingent upon receipt and district approval of all necessary pre-employment forms, certification, state-mandated physical examinations, clearances, etc.):

6.2.1 Miss Jaclyn Ciesla, Full-Time Food Services Supervisor, at an hourly rate of pay of \$21.69, effective date to be determined, to fill the vacancy created by the promotion of Mrs. Louisa Trumbore.

6.2.2 Ms. Sara Lamana, English Teacher 7-12, Bachelor's, Step 1, \$54,803, effective with the start of the 2024-25 school year, to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Mrs. Rose Schultz.

6.2.3 Ms. Brittany Pyle, Elementary Teacher K-6, Master's, Step 3, \$63,142, effective with the start of the 2024-25 school year.

6.2.4 Ms. Lillian Smith, English Teacher 7-12, Bachelor's, Step 1, \$54,803, effective with the start of the 2024-25 school year, to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Mrs. Heather Barrett.

6.2.5 Ms. Krissi Swavely, Part-Time Food Services Worker, 4 hours per day, at an hourly rate of pay of \$14.96, effective May 20, 2024, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Howard Cummings.

6.2.6 Co-curricular assignments for the 2023-24 school year:

Rescind the appointment of Taylor Serafin - Elementary School Student Activities
Director - \$1,080

Melissa Kauffman - Elementary School Title I Program Coordinator - \$180

Bailey Miller - High School Mock Trial Advisor - \$1,440
 Corriann Myers - Elementary School Yearbook Editor - \$540
 Taylor Serafin - Elementary School Student Activities Director - \$648
 Courtney Smith - Elementary School Student Activities Director - \$432
 Aaryn Snyder - Elementary School Girls on the Run Coordinator - \$960 and
 Elementary School Yearbook Editor - \$540
 Deb Werstler - Elementary School Title I Program Coordinator - \$540

6.2.7 Community aquatics employee for the 2023-24 school year:

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Base Sal.</u>	<u>Yrs. Exp.</u>	<u>Exp. Bonus</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Wade	Stephen	Adult Supervisor	\$10.50	31	\$7.75	\$18.25

6.2.8 Extracurricular appointments for the 2024-25 school year:

Mr. Douglas Mayers - Track & Field High School Assistant Coach - \$5,350
 Mr. Joshua Sonon - Lacrosse Boys High School Assistant Coach - \$3,500
 Mr. David Wickersham - Football High School Assistant Coach - \$5,180
 Mr. Kadin Hohenadel - Volleyball Girls Junior High Head Coach - \$3,770

6.2.9 Extended school year (ESY) staff, with teachers to be paid the professional hourly rate of \$40, per the SVEA Collective Bargaining Agreement, paraprofessional and substitute paraprofessionals to be paid at their regular hourly rate:

Karen Bauder – Paraprofessional
 Debra Bittner - Paraprofessional
 Samantha Delong - Paraprofessional
 Danielle Green - Teacher
 Veronica Hyland - Teacher
 Corie Kehr - Paraprofessional
 Dena Kraus - Paraprofessional
 Olivia Martz - Teacher
 Franchon Minor-Grandy - Paraprofessional
 Victoria Molio'o-Bejarano - Paraprofessional
 Christine Nguyen - Paraprofessional
 Beth O'Neill - Teacher
 Victoria Peters - Paraprofessional
 Bryan Poepperling - Teacher
 Sue Raynes - Teacher
 Aaryn Snyder - Teacher
 Sharon Witman – Paraprofessional

6.2.10 Summer school staff, with teachers to be paid the professional hourly rate of \$40, per the SVEA Collective Bargaining Agreement:

Jodi Alderfer - HS
 Morgan Boone - ES
 Michelle Conway - HS
 Caitlin Doupe - ES
 Julie Emerson - ES
 Jacob Ford - HS
 Shannon Furst - MS
 Christopher Gallo - MS
 Sandra Griffiths - ES
 Kathleen Gwiazdowski - ES
 Diane Hubler - HS
 Jonathan Jenkins - MS
 Makoto Kizuka - MS

Mary Ellen Kummerer - ES
Anna Neuhard - MS
Corriann Myers - ES
Meghan O'Donnell - ES
Brittany Pyle - ES
Melissa Rapposelli - ES
Matthew Reed - HS
Cassidy Reel - ES
Carla Reimert - ES
Michelle Rowles-Cranmer - HS
Abbey Sassaman - HS
Ronald Sausser - MS
Taylor Serafin - ES
Ronda Seymour - MS
Alyssa Smith - ES
Courtney Smith - ES
Roxanne Snyder - HS
Micah Storms - ES
Jennifer Wise - MS
Keith Worrell - HS

6.2.11 Substitute for the 2023-24 school year:

Tracey Swearingen - Paraprofessional

6.2.12 Volunteer for the 2023-24 school year:

Maren Schermerhorn - ES

6.2.13 Miss Abby Wrenfrow, Speech & Language Pathologist PK-12, Master's, Step 1, \$59,955, effective with the start of the 2024-25 school year to fill the vacancy created by the newly created position.

6.3 Approves the following personal leaves of absence:

Mr. Andrew Miller, Custodian, April 29, 2024, through June 5, 2024.

Ms. Angelina Wagner, Food Services Worker, April 11, 2024, through the conclusion of the 2023-24 school year.

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Bryan O'Donnell to approve the resignations in Items 6.1.1 through and including 6.1.4, as presented; and to approve the employment in Items 6.2.1 through and including 6.2.13, as presented; and to approve the personal leaves of absence in Item 6.3, as presented.

Yeas: Ammarell, Bendigo, Kleffel, Lash, Moll, O'Donnell, Steinke, Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

6.4 Approves the creation of the following new positions for the purpose of serving at the Berks County Youth Center (BCYC) Program:

- (1) 7-12 Math Teacher
- (1) English Language Arts Teacher

Board Action: Moved by Paul Bendigo and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve the creation of the new positions in Item 6.4 with the wording modified as follows: remove "for

the purpose of serving at” and add “to accommodate the inflow of students from” the Berks County Youth Center (BCYC) Program.”

Yeas: Ammarell, Bendigo, Kleffel, Lash, Moll, O’Donnell, Steinke, Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.5 Approves a Business Office Billing Position in order to handle all billing for the Berks County Youth Center (BCYC).
- 6.6 Approves an amendment to the creation of a new position approved on April 22, 2024, from Secondary Principal position for the purpose of serving as the Administrator at the Berks County Youth Center Program (BCYC), to BCYC Administrator at the BCYC Program (this is a two year contracted position).
- 6.7 Approves the HSP has not changed and was reviewed. The Board acknowledges that the Biden Administration announced the end of both the National and Public Health Emergency Declarations on May 11, 2023, and the Board further acknowledges that this motion is made to satisfy the requirements of ESSER funding use.
- 6.8 Approves the updated Agreement for Services between the Schuylkill Valley School District and the Pennsylvania Principals Association for substitute administrators.

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Franklin Ammarell to approve a Business Office Billing Position in order to handle all billing for the Berks County Youth Center (BCYC); and to approve an amendment to the creation of a new position approved on April 22, 2024, from Secondary Principal position for the purpose of serving as the Administrator at the Berks County Youth Center Program (BCYC), to BCYC Administrator at the BCYC Program (this is a two year contracted position); and to approve the HSP has not changed and was reviewed. The Board acknowledges that the Biden Administration announced the end of both the National and Public Health Emergency Declarations on May 11, 2023, and the Board further acknowledges that this motion is made to satisfy the requirements of ESSER funding use; and to approve the updated Agreement for Services between the Schuylkill Valley School District and the Pennsylvania Principals Association for substitute administrators.

Yeas: Ammarell, Bendigo, Kleffel, Lash, Moll, O’Donnell, Steinke, Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.9 Approves the employment, and 2-year employment contract, of Dr. Patrick Winters as the BCYC Administrator.

Board Action: Moved by Paul Bendigo and seconded by Linda Lash to approve the employment, and 2-year employment contract, of Dr. Patrick Winters, with the wording modified as follows: remove “BCYC Administrator” and replace with “Chief Education and Operations Officer at the Berks County Youth Center (BCYC).”

Yeas: Ammarell, Bendigo, Kleffel, Lash, Moll, O’Donnell, Steinke, Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.10 Approves the use of four (4) summer technology student support positions at a rate of \$14.50/hr.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Bryan O’Donnell to approve the use of four (4) summer technology student support positions at a rate of \$14.50/hr.

Yeas: Ammarell, Bendigo, Kleffel, Lash, Moll, O'Donnell, Steinke, Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

7.0 CURRICULUM AND TECHNOLOGY

Summary of Committee Deliberations – Linda R. Lash

The Curriculum and Technology Committee met at 6:43 p.m. on Monday, June 17, 2024, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, July 15, 2024.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

7.1 Approves the disposal of the following two textbooks:

35 copies of *World Civilizations The Global Experience*, ISBN#0-13-220699-4, Copyright 2007

27 copies of *AP World History: An Essential Coursebook, 3rd edition*. ISBN# 978-0-9895395-8-6, Copyright 2016

7.2 Approves the disposal of the following books:

1 copy of *Roget's II The New Thesaurus*, ISBN #0-395-29605-6, copyright 1980

2 copies of *The Winston Senior Dictionary*, no ISBN # or copyright date given -- they are stamped "Schuylkill Valley School" in the inside cover

4 copies of *The Concise American Heritage Dictionary*, ISBN# 0-395-24522-2, copyright 1980

2 copies of *Dictionary Macmillan*, ISBN# 0-02-195390-2, copyright 1987

7.3 Approves the disposal of the 2009 ELA curriculum materials.

7.4 Approves a master subscription services agreement with ePlus Technology, inc. for Assured Data Protection Services for a term of 60 months at a monthly rate of \$2,539.00, and a one-time onboarding fee of \$1,731.00.

7.5 Approves entering into a statement of work with the BCIU for math curriculum support in an amount not to exceed \$19,000. The statement of work will include work with a K-12 curriculum committee of teachers and administrators.

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve the disposal of textbooks in Item 7.1, as presented; and to approve the disposal of books in Item 7.2, as presented; and to approve the disposal of the 2009 ELA curriculum materials; and to approve a master subscription services agreement with ePlus Technology, inc. for Assured Data Protection Services for a term of 60 months at a monthly rate of \$2,539.00, and a one-time onboarding fee of \$1,731.00; and to approve entering into a statement of work with the BCIU for math curriculum support in an amount not to exceed \$19,000. The statement of work will include work with a K-12 curriculum committee of teachers and administrators.

Yeas: Ammarell, Bendigo, Kleffel, Lash, Moll, O'Donnell, Steinke, Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

- 7.6 Approves the contract with Lincoln Learning Solutions to provide online learning courses for students at the BCYC at a cost of \$54,500.00 for 30 licenses.

Board Action: Moved by Paul Bendigo and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve the contract with Lincoln Learning Solutions to provide learning courses for students at the BCYC at a cost of \$54,500.00 for 30 licenses.

Yeas: Ammarell, Bendigo, Kleffel, Lash, Moll, O'Donnell, Steinke, Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

8.0 **BUDGET AND FINANCE**

Summary of Committee Deliberations – Nicoleen M. Kleffel

The Budget and Finance Committee met at 6:50 p.m. on Monday, June 17, 2024, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, July 15, 2024.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

- 8.1 Approves/ratifies the payment of bills in the following amounts from May 11, 2024, to June 24, 2024, as presented.

GENERAL FUND	\$1,814,725.18
CAFETERIA FUND	\$62,424.86
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FUND	\$1,548,080.62
MS/HS ACTIVITY FUND	\$44,220.88
GRAND TOTAL	\$3,469,451.54

- 8.2 Approves Business Office Personnel to process bills for payment up to and including June 30, 2024; the list of bills will be presented for ratification at the regular Board meeting in July 2024.

- 8.3 Approves the following depositories for the 2024-2025 fiscal year:

Tompkins/VIST Bank
 PA School District Liquid Asset Fund
 PA School District Liquid Asset Max Fund
 Fulton Bank
 TD Bank

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve/ratify the payment of bills in Item 8.1 from May 11, 2024, to June 24, 2024, as presented; and to approve Business Office Personnel to process bills for payment up to and including June 30, 2024 (the list of bills will be presented for ratification at the regular Board meeting in July 2024); and to approve the depositories in Item 8.3 for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, as presented.

Yeas: Ammarell, Bendigo, Kleffel, Lash, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi, Steinke, Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.4 Approves adoption of the 2024-2025 Final General Fund Budget in the amount of \$47,551,026. The Final General Fund Budget is recommended with a .35 millage increase that would raise our tax rate from 27.82 to 28.17, which is a 1.26% increase.

Board Action: Moved by Paul Bendigo and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve adoption of the 2024-2025 Final General Fund Budget in the amount of \$47,551,026. The Final General Fund Budget is recommended with a .35 millage increase that would raise our tax rate from 27.82 to 28.17, which is a 1.26% increase.

Roll Call Vote

Yeas: Weyandt

Nays: Lash, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi, Steinke, Ammarell, Bendigo, Kleffel

Motion failed.

- 8.5** Approves adoption of the 2024-2025 Final General Fund Budget in the amount of \$47,551,026. The Final General Fund Budget is recommended with no tax increase.

Board Action: Moved by Paul Bendigo and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve adoption of the 2024-2025 Final General Fund Budget in the amount of \$47,551,026. The Final General Fund Budget is recommended with no tax increase.

Mrs. Kleffel, Budget and Finance Chairperson, directed the Superintendent, Dr. Taschner, and the Chief Education and Operations Officer at the BCYC to present information to our state senators and representatives to propose funding for our district to cover the costs affiliated with the potential loss in revenue to fund this new project. Mr. Bendigo added that hopefully we can start an open line of communication with the county commissioners to go over the positions that SV identified that are required to fulfill the needs at this facility and hopefully move forward on their commitment to make the school district whole.

Roll Call Vote

Yeas: Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi, Steinke, Ammarell, Bendigo, Kleffel, Lash,

Nays: Weyandt

Motion carried.

- 8.6** Approves the tax structure and resolution for the 2024-2025 fiscal year as follows:

Real Estate Tax 27.82 mils
Real Estate Transfer Tax 1/2 %
Earned Income Tax 1/2 %

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Bryan O'Donnell to approve the tax structure and resolution for the 2024-2025 fiscal year as follows:

**Real Estate Tax 27.82 mils
Real Estate Transfer Tax 1/2 %
Earned Income Tax 1/2 %**

Roll Call Vote

Yeas: O'Donnell, Rossi, Steinke, Weyandt, Ammarell, Bendigo, Kleffel, Lash, Moll

Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.7** Approves the Sports Insurance Proposal from Axis Insurance for the 2024-2025 school year in the amount of \$8,891 with no increase from prior year.
- 8.8** Approves the liability and workers' compensation insurance package from CM Regent for the 2024-2025 school year in the amount of \$204,251.

- 8.9 Approves the SVSD Audit Engagement Letter from Herbein & Company, Inc. to provide their services for the years ended June 30, 2024, June 30, 2025, and June 30, 2026.

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve the Sports Insurance Proposal from Axis Insurance for the 2024-2025 school year in the amount of \$8,891 with no increase from prior year; and to approve the liability and workers' compensation insurance package from CM Regent for the 2024-2025 school year in the amount of \$204,251; and to approve the SVSD Audit Engagement Letter from Herbein & Company, Inc. to provide their services for the years ended June 30, 2024, June 30, 2025, and June 30, 2026.

Yeas: Ammarell, Bendigo, Kleffel, Lash, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi, Steinke, Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

9.0 BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Summary of Committee Deliberations – Bryan J. O'Donnell

The Buildings and Grounds Committee met at 7:24 p.m. on Monday, June 17, 2024, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, July 15, 2024.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

- 9.1 Approves the Commercial Pest Management Agreements with Ehrlich for the term of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, as follows:

High School at \$123.00 per month (an increase of \$3.00)
High School Maintenance Garage at \$55.00 per month (an increase of \$2.00)
Middle School at \$116.00 per month (an increase of \$3.00)
Elementary School at \$123.00 per month (an increase of \$3.00)

- 9.2 Approves listing the following items on Municibid:

- Student Desks
- Teacher Desks
- Chairs
- Kiln from HS Art Room

If no bids are received the District will dispose of the items.

- 9.3 Approves the disposal of broken desks, chairs, soiled rugs, and other items as per the Custodial Supervisors.
- 9.4 Approves the proposal from Full Landscaping & Tree Service, LLC, for mowing, mulching, and leaf removal service of the District grounds, in the amount of \$146,150.50, effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.
- 9.5 Approves the quote from Telco, Inc. to furnish and install the school flasher pole on Ontelaunee Drive in the amount of \$4,018.00.

Board Action: Moved by Bryan O'Donnell and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve the Commercial Pest Management Agreements with Ehrlich in Item 9.1, for the term of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, as presented; and to approve listing the items in Item 9.2 on

Municipibid, as presented; and to approve the disposal of broken desks, chairs, soiled rugs, and other items as per the Custodial Supervisors; and to approve the proposal from Full Landscaping & Tree Service, LLC, for mowing, mulching, and leaf removal service of the District grounds, in the amount of \$146,150.50, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025; and to approve the quote from Telco, Inc. to furnish and install the school flasher pole on Ontelaunee Drive in the amount of \$4,018.00.

Yeas: Ammarell, Bendigo, Kleffel, Lash, Moll, O'Donnell, Steinke, Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE JUNE 17, 2024, BOARD MEETING:

- 9.6 Approves Change Order #3 from A.N. Lynch to complete the exterior safety switch at the VFR's due to the Diakon units requiring different over current production than the designed circuit feeders in the amount of \$1,800.00 related to the HS HVAC Upgrade Project.

Board Action: Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by Bryan O'Donnell to approve Change Order #3 from A.N. Lynch to complete the exterior safety switch at the VFR's due to the Diakon units requiring different over current production than the designed circuit feeders in the amount of \$1,800.00 related to the HS HVAC Upgrade Project.

Yeas: Ammarell, Bendigo, Kleffel, Lash, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi, Steinke, Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE JUNE 17, 2024, BOARD MEETING:

- 9.7 Approves Change Order #4 from A.N. Lynch to complete the required feeder circuit rework to accommodate the VRF feeder changes due to installation of dual units at 3 locations in the amount of \$5,782.00 related to the HS HVAC Upgrade Project.

Board Action: Moved by Paul Bendigo and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve Change Order #4 from A.N. Lynch to complete the required feeder circuit rework to accommodate the VRF feeder changes due to installation of dual units at 3 locations in the amount of \$5,782.00 related to the HS HVAC Upgrade Project.

Yeas: Ammarell, Bendigo, Kleffel, Lash, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi, Steinke, Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE JUNE 17, 2024, BOARD MEETING:

- 9.8 Approves Change Order #5 from A.N. Lynch in order to complete the required refeed of all FC units with the specified 208 volt circuit feeder, as the existing circuit to be reused was 120 volt and could not be reconnected, in the amount of \$11,801.00 related to the HS HVAC Upgrade Project.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve Change Order #5 from A.N. Lynch in order to complete the required refeed of all FC units with the specified 208 volt circuit feeder, as the existing circuit to be reused was 120 volt and could not be reconnected, in the amount of \$11,801.00 related to the HS HVAC Upgrade Project.

Yeas: Ammarell, Bendigo, Kleffel, Lash, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi, Steinke, Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE JUNE 17, 2024, BOARD MEETING:

- 9.9 Approves Change Order #6 from A.N. Lynch to complete the installation of a 30-circuit subpanel in order to allow for the added VRF loads in the amount of \$4,935.00 related to the HS HVAC Upgrade Project.

Board Action: Moved by Bryan O'Donnell and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve Change Order #6 from A.N. Lynch to complete the installation of a 30-circuit subpanel in order to allow for the added VRF loads in the amount of \$4,935.00 related to the HS HVAC Upgrade Project.

Yeas: Ammarell, Bendigo, Kleffel, Lash, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi, Steinke, Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

10.0 STUDENT SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Summary of Committee Deliberations – Alfonso F. Rossi

The Student Services and Activities Committee met at 7:40 p.m. on Monday, June 17, 2024, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, July 15, 2024.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

- 10.1** Approves the purchase of two secondary seats at River Rock Academy for the purposes of as-needed AEDY placements for the 2024-25 school year.
- 10.2** Approves the agreement with River Rock Academy to serve as the educational setting for students placed out of district per the provisions of AEDY.
- 10.3** Approves the agreement with the Caron Foundation for Student Assistance Program Services for the 2024-25 school year.
- 10.4** Approves the Settlement Agreement between SVSD and parents of Student #1586 for the 2024-25 school year.
- 10.5** Approves the agreement for the education of Student #1586 for the 2024-25 school year.
- 10.6** Approves the agreement between SVSD and The Timothy School for ESY 2024 programming for Student #5030.
- 10.7** Approves the agreement between SVSD and the Chester County IU (CCIU) for the education of Student #5712 for a portion of the 2023-24 school year.
- 10.8** Approves the agreement with Hogan Learning Academy, LLC, for the education of two students, #4068 and #2982, for the 2024-25 school year.
- 10.9** Approves the agreement with The Vanguard School for the education of Student #5110 for the 2024-25 school year.
- 10.10** Approves the agreement between SVSD and The Stepping Stones Group, LLC, for necessary contracted services in the 2024-25 school year.
- 10.11** Approves the agreement between SVSD and Pediatric Therapeutic Services (PTS) for contracted services for 2024-2027.
- 10.12** Approves the agreement between the BCIU and SVSD for Special Education, Early Intervention and Itinerant Programs and Services for the 2024-25 school year.

- 10.13 Approves the annual shop maintenance agreement from Shop Specialties, Inc. for service in the high school wood shop.
- 10.14 Approves the cooperative sponsorship sport agreement between the Schuylkill Valley School District and The King's Academy.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve the purchase of two secondary seats at River Rock Academy for the purposes of as-needed AEDY placements for the 2024-25 school year; and to approve the agreement with River Rock Academy to serve as the educational setting for students placed out of district per the provisions of AEDY; and to approve the agreement with the Caron Foundation for Student Assistance Program Services for the 2024-25 school year; and to approve the Settlement Agreement between SVSD and parents of Student #1586 for the 2024-25 school year; and to approve the agreement for the education of Student #1586 for the 2024-25 school year; and to approve the agreement between SVSD and The Timothy School for ESY 2024 programming for Student #5030; and to approve the agreement between SVSD and the Chester County IU (CCIU) for the education of Student #5712 for a portion of the 2023-24 school year; and to approve the agreement with Hogan Learning Academy, LLC, for the education of two students, #4068 and #2982, for the 2024-25 school year; and to approve the agreement with The Vanguard School for the education of Student #5110 for the 2024-25 school year; and to approve the agreement between SVSD and The Stepping Stones Group, LLC, for necessary contracted services in the 2024-25 school year; and to approve the agreement between SVSD and Pediatric Therapeutic Services (PTS) for contracted services for 2024-2027; and to approve the agreement between the BCIU and SVSD for Special Education, Early Intervention and Itinerant Programs and Services for the 2024-25 school year; and to approve the annual shop maintenance agreement from Shop Specialties, Inc. for service in the high school wood shop; and to approve the cooperative sponsorship sport agreement between the Schuylkill Valley School District and The King's Academy.

Yeas: Ammarell, Bendigo, Kleffel, Lash, Moll, O'Donnell, Steinke, Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

11.0 OTHER BUSINESS/GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mrs. Steinke clarified that in the past, she has questioned losing teachers but has never stated that the teachers that we're bringing in to replace those teachers are lesser teachers, but you do have to take into account the fact that tenure does matter. Teachers who have experience on the job do matter and to say that losing those teachers and replacing them is equal, is inaccurate; however, she has never stated that the new teachers that are coming to us are not quality candidates.

Dr. Taschner commented that she is not aware that anyone has said that we are not going to hire Schuylkill Valley graduates. If you look back through the past few years, we've hired a large number of Schuylkill Valley graduates and we're proud to have them here along with all the other employees that we've hired. Mr. Bendigo added that whoever is making the statement that the district would not hire Schuylkill Valley graduates as teachers in the district is very reckless and irresponsible.

12.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Moll announced that there would be an executive session immediately following the meeting for personnel matters.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

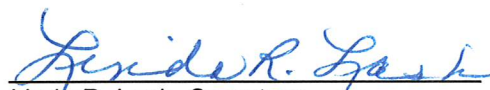
Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Bryan O'Donnell, there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting be adjourned.

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Yeas: Ammarell, Bendigo, Kleffel, Lash, Moll, O'Donnell, Steinke, Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.



Linda R. Lash, Secretary
Board of School Directors